

**Franklin County Commissioners**

**July 13, 2015**

**Commissioners Meeting Room 203**

**Commissioners:** Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts

**Commissioners Secretary:** Carol Westerman

**Chief Deputy Auditor:** Debbie Richardson

**Open:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts To approve minutes. **Motion carried.**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve utility claims. **Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve the VSO report. **Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve the Treasurer report. **Motion Carried**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve the Clerk's report. **Motion Carried.**

Regarding the Mobilcomm Maintenance Agreement, Tom Linkel ask Eric Roberts if we should be going out for more bids but said as long as they are holding the price it should be okay.

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to accept \$605.30 or \$7263.60 yearly and also \$56.40 or \$676.80 yearly for the Mobilcomm Agreement. **Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve the Hassler Rental Service Agreement. **Motion carried.**

Bill Schirmer spoke regarding the desire to hire an economic development director. He said he will contact the Franklin County Economic Redevelopment and also the Brookville Redevelopment to see if they would be able to help with any funding of the director. He stated he would like to have a commitment of \$50,000 from the Edit funds for the 2016 budget to hire the director. He also ask if the money appropriated for the new sheriff car could be used for this also. The money for the car would only be for the one year of 2016. Tom Linkel ask if the economic development director could also handle the comprehensive plan. Bill said he could possibly help with this. Bill also stated he would like the Tourism department and Chamber of Commerce to be involved in the hiring of the director. Bill also ask for any input from the commissioners regarding accountability policies for the new director position.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wilson to approve Bill Schirmer's plan for funding the position of director to be hired in 2016, with only a possible concern for the using of the appropriation of the sheriff's car money. **Motion Carried.**

Ted Cooley stated has two quotes for the Stone Arch Bridge #78. First from Rock Valley Stone for \$4323.30 and the second one from Ballenger Stone for \$3140.00

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve the quote from Ballenger Stone for \$3140.00  
**Motion carried.**

Ted Cooley discussed the schedule for Bridge #12 Deck Replacement Project. Southwest wingwall and tree removal completed last week. Northwest wingwalls scheduled for 7/15. Bridge arriving Thursday with assembly Friday & Monday. Road closed 7/21 – 7/31 removal, installation, approach slabs, guardrail, hot mix. Bridge open 8/1

Brent Roberts spoke for BFS to explain what had happened with Bridge #12. He said there was pack rust on the bridge and it can disguise the problems underneath. In October of 2014 there was an inspection and the problem was not detected. The pack rust could have disguised the underlying problems. This could have caused the inspectors to not be able to determine the damage. Tom Linkel ask "how can we know that BFS is doing a good job for the county?" Brent said that they are trying to do the best job they can like everyone else. Tom Linkel said "we are lucky Ted Cooley found the problem because there could have been a catastrophe."

Ted Cooley spoke on Bride #168 Replacement Project. Test hole & Pre-bid meeting 7/15 1:00PM. Appraisal being obtained. USACE permit application being reviewed. Utilities being coordinated. Obtaining quotes for concrete work. Estimate \$24,000 Bids due 7/20/15.

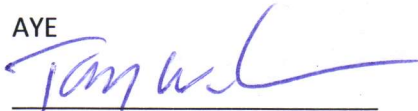
Ted stated he will be attending the Federal Funding Policy Seminar in Seymour 7/14/15 at 1:00PM

Eric Roberts said there is a Base Grant of \$157,000 that could be available for community corrections. Carol Westerman forwarded the email to the sheriff, judge, and probation regarding this grant.

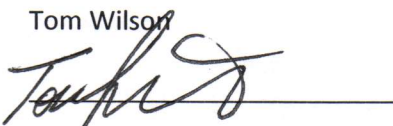
**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Others in attendance: Brent Roberts BF&S, Sara Duffy, John Estridge, James Sprague, Bill Schirmer, Wayne Monroe, Joe Sizemore, and John Worth.

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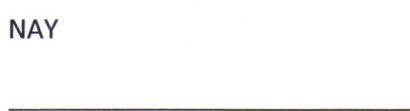


Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel

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Tom Wilson



Eric Roberts



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Eric Roberts

Attest:



*Debbie Richardson Auditor*  
Debbie Richardson, Chief Deputy Auditor